

(ii) To elicit relevant physical and financial performance indicators, the Ministry has also issued fresh forms for applications for grants as well as for reporting of work done by these NGOs. (iii) Details of the releases are made available in the Ministry's website (socialjustice.nic.in) giving full publicity to releases made to NGOs. Members of Parliament, State Governments and District Magistrates have also been furnished district-wise lists of NGOs assisted by the Ministry in the last two years. (iv) Besides the above, it is mandatory for all grantee organizations to submit utilization certificates before release of further installments to them.

**Recognition of places of birth and salvation of Dr. Ambedkar as
National heritage**

†1634. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give recognition to places related to the birth and salvation of Dr. Bheemrao Ambedkar located in Mumbai and Nagpur as national heritage;

(b) the latest condition of these places; and

(c) whether Government will have to acquire said places for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Maharashtra, there is a proposal for declaration of birth place of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a State protected monument. As regards Rajgriha at Dadar-Mumbai where Dr. Ambedkar lived, the State Government has approached the Archaeological Survey of India for appropriate action in the matter. As the Chaitya Bhoomi at Dadar-Mumbai where Dr. Ambedkar was cremated and Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur are not 50 years old, these places cannot be declared as State protected monuments. As per information received from the State Government, the condition of these places is satisfactory.

Demand of residential schools for SC/ST children

1635. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Forum of SC and ST Members of Parliament have demanded establishment of at least one residential school in every district of the country for imparting quality education to the children belonging to SC/ST families;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by her Ministry, being nodal administrative Ministry for the development of SCs/STs along with the results achieved, if any, with regard to this demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendation was referred to the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Department in turn forwarded the recommendation to all State Governments/UT Administrations for action, as the primary responsibility for setting up of residential schools lies with the States/ UTs. However, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is operating following schemes to provide residential schools for Scheduled Caste students:

- (i) Special Education Development Programme for Scheduled Caste Girls belonging to low literacy level; and
- (ii) Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations for Scheduled Castes.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing certain schemes of residential schools for Tribal students.

Recognition to institutions working in area of adoption of children in H.P.

†1636. **SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:** Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the adoption of children, the Government of Himachal Pradesh through its letter dated the 1st March, 1996 has requested the Government to grant recognition to the institutions, namely Himachal Pradesh Child Welfare Council, Mini Secretariat, Shimla-2, Indira Ladies Club, Nahan, District Sirmaur, Women Welfare Division Chamba and Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Rockwood, Shimla; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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